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10 copies of the Manga smash hit *Castle of Cagliostro* to give away. To you!

Now let's face it – some Manga videos take things far too seriously to say they're just cartoons, and usually enjoy dramatic/ludicrous names such as *Knockers Chick From Venus And Her Erotic Leopard Of Sex*, and things like that. Recently though, things have been looking up, and titles such as *Violence Jack* and what

have you have restored our faith in this much-loved genre. They're getting critical acclaim too, just like this latest effort from the, er, camera of Miyazaki – a bloke who's famous in Manga circles for his superb direction of many a fine classic indeed. Or something. Anyway we're not really getting to the point here, so the point is this: We have 10 copies of the latest Manga smash hit *Castle of Cagliostro* to give away. And yes, we know damn well it says that up there too, but it needed saying again, alright?

So then, this Caliogorousterous business – what is it all about? Well we'll tell you. It's a break away from the serious Manga fayre, and is in fact a "comedy counterfeiting caper" featuring loads of posh people getting up to no good and that lot. Okay, so we don't actually know what the crack is, but does that stop us giving copies awya willy nilly? No it

does not. Which is just as well really, because we've already promised that we will. So then, let's get to it.

21st CENTURY GIVEAWAY..

Loads of treat pinball games and that!

No, we aren't giving away a specific and extremely large chunk of time in the near future, but then you'd probably already worked that out for yourselves, what with being really clever and that lot as all Amiga owners are. No readers, what we are in fact doing (or more specifically, what the generous 21st Century is doing) is giving away five sets of the entire 21st Century Entertainment pinball back catalogue. Which as everyone knows, is extensive.

Oh yes, five sets of five games could be finding five new homes in the very near future, and frankly we're so damned excited about it we could just about bust!

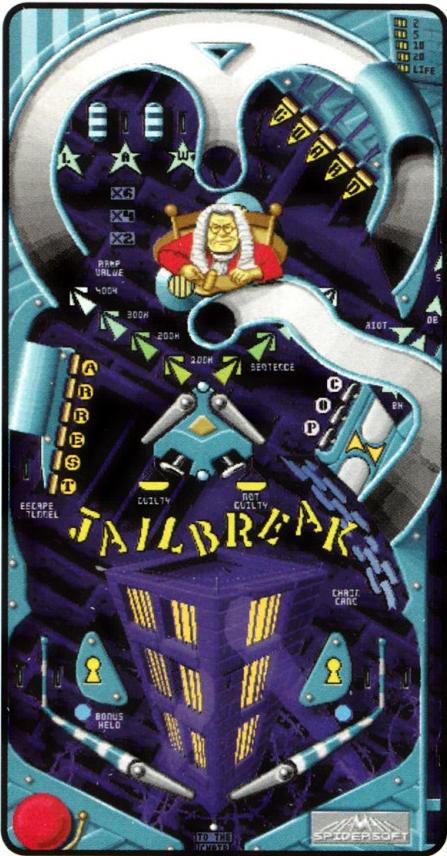
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Er, STOP PRESS! You can't Pinball Dreams now. But you can still have the rest! Which is great! Enter!

Questions

Tick

1. Manga means:

- a: Fart
- b: Chicken's arse
- c: Neither of those

2. A castle is:

- a: A large place of residence historically the domain of royalty and noblemen
- b: A multi-talented, chirpy Northern trumpet player/TV presenter/fund raiser
- c: Er, none of the above

3. You want to win a video because:

- a: You're a big fan of the Manga genre
- b: You'll have anything as long as it's free
- c: You're dyslexic, and think Manga says 'Triple XXX Hard Core Porn Filth'

1. The Pinball Wizard was:

- a: A Pete Townshend-penned masterpiece of modern

musical score

b: A little magical bloke in a pointy hat down your local pub

c: The bloke who frotted Jodie Foster in that film with Kelly McGillis in it before she looked all nice in Top Gun

2. Pinball relies heavily on:

- a: An almost intangible blend of hand-eye coordination and a quick thinking
- b: Your ability to lift the table to stop the ball "going down"
- c: Drunken no-marks feeding pound after pound into a metal box in order to keep the landlord in foreign holidays and tattoos

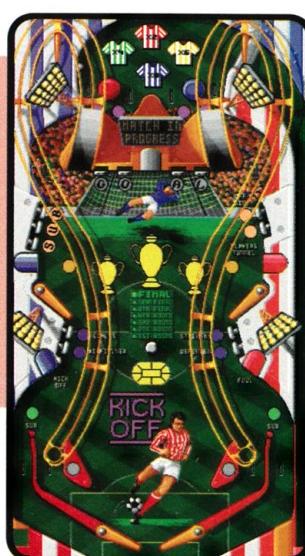
3. We have:

- a: No desire to have a third question
- b: Too little creativity to devise a third question
- c: Better things to do than mess about thinking up a third question

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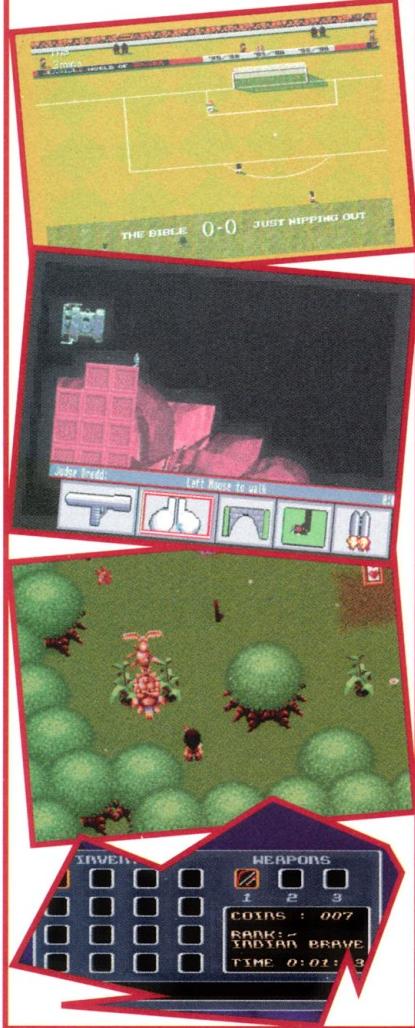
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Steve's favourite Word of the Month is dross. Here's where he gets the chance to use it

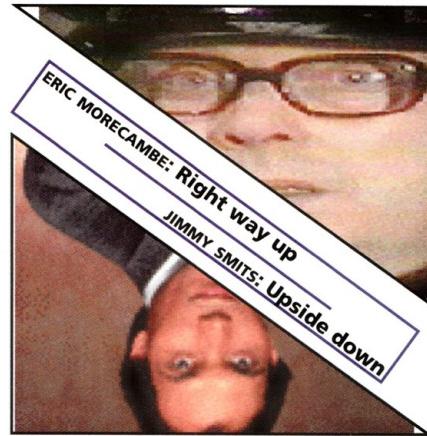
SWOS 95/96 Euro Champs. 15
Paul Roundell spouts forth on the excellence of this latest incarnation. Next month he might even play it



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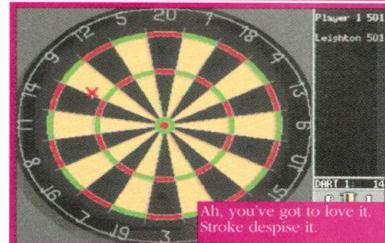
This month we are proud to announce that for the first time, we genuinely do have absolutely no **Amiga news** whatsoever. And don't be fooled by that **Primal Rage preview** because it carries about as much weight as a Kate Moss hot air **balloon** ride. But don't despair, because Eric Morecambe pops up (minus Ernie, who of course is, sadly, dead), and **Jimmy Smits** aka Victor Sifuentes alias the guy off of **NYPD Blue** drops by to largely talk about nothing of any **interest**. And what have you



Bloody hell – it's PD!

And it's on p20

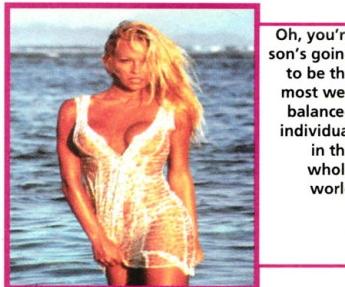
We tend to make lot of lies up about people asking for this and that, in order to justify their tenuous inclusion in the magazine, but it's the genuine truth that people really have been asking for the return of our Public Domain section. PD houses, admittedly, but it still counts!



Game Guides and that lot

Valhalla pt 112 p24

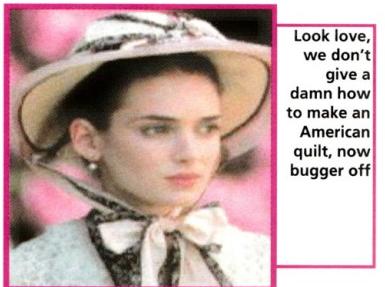
"But Amiga Action", you say – "Won't you just print random excerpts from an ancient game guide one more time? Please..." you beg, "pretty please" And because we love you (and because we're lazy), we do!



Oh, you're son's going to be the most well balanced individual in the whole world

(Death of the) Son of Boggit p26

Are all the speech marks the wrong way round, readers? It certainly appears that way on the computer, but maybe it's my eyes. Write in!



Look love, we don't give a damn how to make an American quilt, now bugger off

Coverdisks p6

Disk 1

Hollywood Hustler

... is our first full game for this month, and the coverdisk which we hope will prompt another call from those busy people at ELSPA. "Don't do that!", they say – "People might have fun if you do that". Ooh, and we wouldn't want that.

It's the gambling thang we reviewed beards ago, only instead of being £25 in the shops, it's free in here now. Treat, yeah?

Disk 2

The Great Escape

Yes, that's right – it's the film licence of the 70's effort which made a star-for-a-day of Russell Osman. You remember him don't you? – he used to own the café in Eastenders with his wife Sue. Yes, and his brother Mehmet (with whom he jointly ran the Ozcabs empire) was always playing away from home, despite looking decidedly Turkish. And there's nothing wrong with that!

Disk 3

Outfall

The one thing on the disk which does not contravene numerous software publishers' agreements is a nifty little puzzler which is kind of a cross between Columns and Bust a Move. But, since you've obviously played neither, you'll have to load it up and play it in order to see if this is a good thing or a bad thing. Hmm. Still a bit of spacee to fill, so how about a singsong? Oh I do like to be beside ...

Hello readers – we got told off last month by ELSPA. They said to us, they said “What’s the meaning of all this full game business on the front of your magazine?” Or something like that. And we said to them “The meaning of it is to excite our readers to the point of trouser-burst, and to give them something to play since there are no games available in the shops”. Well, they weren’t having that, and asked us if we knew we were contravening the agreement. Well we did know, sort of but didn’t much care because we were kind of working on the assumption that if someone’s job is to ring up and tell us pointless stuff like that then that person’s job can’t be very important in the first place, and perhaps that person wants to be getting a grip. So, we’ve brought you two full games this month, and we reckon they’ll ring us again, in which case, we’ll be avoiding their calls.

Thank you.

Cover Disks

Desert Star Software

Desert Star Software have provided you – good readers – with the chance to play their full game for absolutely free. Yes, it's the same Hollywood Hustler we reviewed in issue 77, and the same Hollywood Hustler which, back then, you would have paid 25 quid for. Now obviously if you did pay 25 quid for it then a: you'll be slightly cheesed off that it is now available for free, and b: it's of no use to you whatsoever because you already own it. So you lose out on two counts! Ha ha! Hard luck. But if you don't own it, then you are in for a treat.

Hollywood Hustler has taken the computer poker game where it has never been before. A seedy Hollywood club. And what's more, rather than have a cheap attempt at a strip poker effort, they've opted for a game with its own style, and a storyline to get you into the swing of things. At least, that's what we said about Hollywood Hustler back then, and since we have absolutely no reason to change our minds now, it still stands. And that lot. This full version contains all of the levels, from 15 hands to Unlimited (it says here, though frankly we've no idea what the hell that means).

Fortunately, what instructions aren't available to read on the disk are dead easy to understand, and the control method is all intuitive and what have you. So there you have it.

BPM Promotions

Oh yes, another full game for you this month in the shape of the tremendous, the brilliant, the quite-honestly-we-haven't-played-it-yet, one and only THE GREAT ESCAPE. From BPM Promotions. It's a game of espionage and intrigue, derring do and fish catching, and takes place in the barren futuristic outerlands on the outskirts of San Domingo-Peduel – a fishing village in the outer circle of Venus. Yes, and there's this cat and it sits on the mat, and it has to team up with a fox, a quick brown fox which jumps over the



lazy cat and dog, and when it's done that it has to drive a jeep through torrential rain to a secret place in Hampshire. And that's where you come in. As Special Agent Monkey Trousers, it is up to you to save the day by stopping these intergalactic occurrences before it is too late. Yes, and to help you, you have a magic pair of shoes, and when you run, they make you run right fast and stuff.

And then, right, sometimes this woman comes along and tells you a little bit about what's going on, and what you can expect from her when the going gets tough. And stuff. And so forth. Control is by the normal method of drinking a kettle full of sherbet before dropping off with a good HOOT! So are we clear on that then? If not, you know the score by now – full instructions on how to play the game are, as always included on the disk. Cos BPM are treat like that. They really are. Saves us the bother and everything.

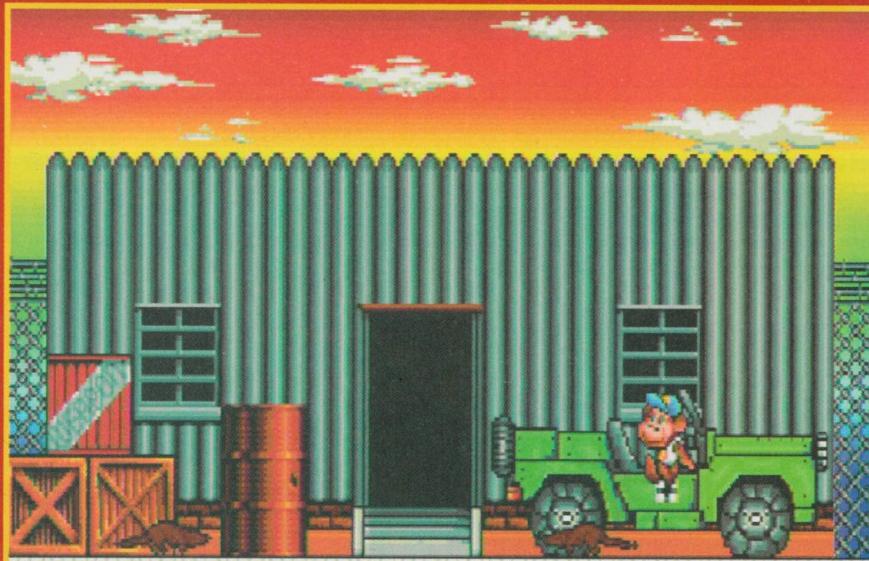
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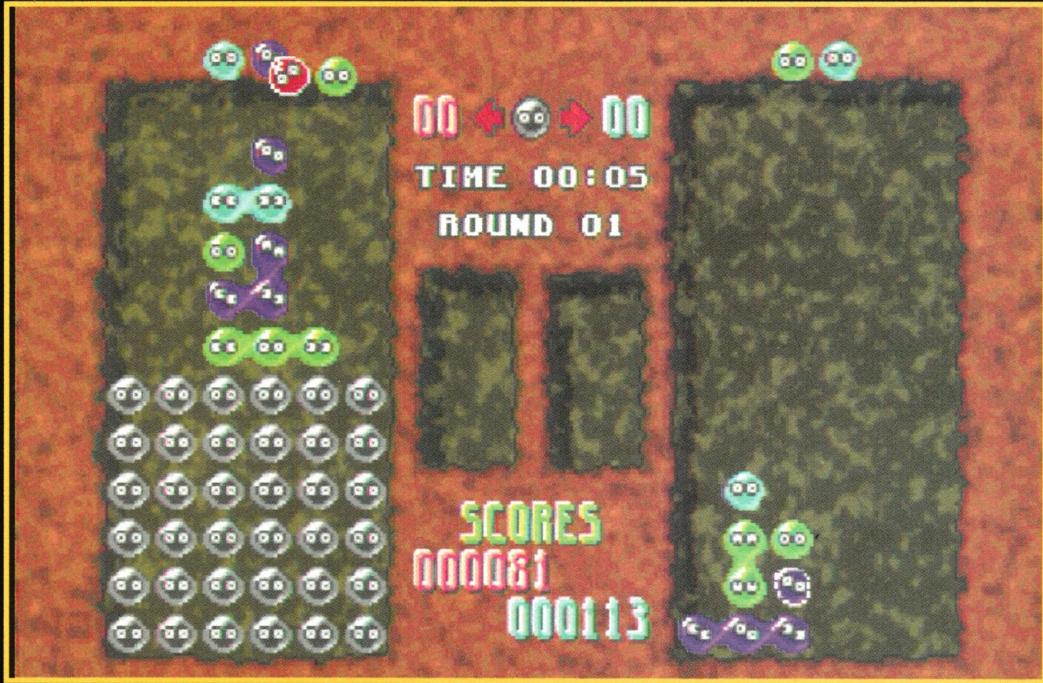
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OUTFALL

David Papworth

There's nothing wrong with being called Papworth just as, indeed, there is nothing wrong with producing a game like Outfall. For one thing, it gives us something treat to put on our coverdisk, and for another- oh, we've addressed the point already by our usage of the word treat. Because treat is what it is.

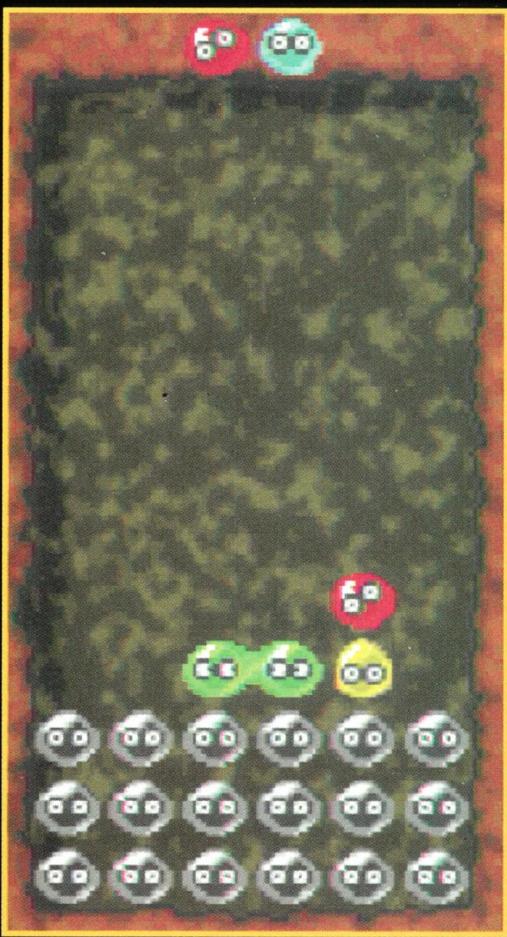
Seriously. It's a puzzle game, but you shouldn't hold that against it, because unlike most efforts in this genre for the Amiga this one is genuinely very good indeed. Of course it's a slant on the Tetris thing, and of course the graphics aren't entirely inspiring, but the game is genuine doozer and we're going to tell you why.

Remember Columns on the Game Gear? No, of course you don't - all you've got is an Amiga. Well we remember it, and Outfall reminds us very much of this sterling effort. Basically you've got sort of a play area thing and these coloured blobs fall down onto it. If you leave them to drop then, for one thing you won't have much fun, and for another your area will all block up and stuff. So you've got to stop it.

Yes, stop it. The blobs vary in colour and can be rotated. Those of you with any sense at all will already have realised what the crack is, but we'll explain anyway. Rotate the blocks until the colour line up and them plop them down on top of each other so it looks as if they're rutting frantically like some kinds of blobby beasts.

Get a load of colours lined up, and they disappear, and you know the rest from here so we'll leave it now, thanks.

Oh! You can have a two player game as well, if you like Right ...



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gends

It's finally arrived. Almost two years after we saw it nearly completed, Legends from Krisalis is out. Except now it's by Guildhall.

It's such a treat to get to review a professionally programmed proper Amiga game these days that it's difficult not to go overboard. It all seems so polished and well done compared to the PD dross we get in these days, that I'm tempted to give it a hundred per cent in the hope that it'll sell really well and maybe tempt some big publishers back into the market so that I don't have to look at games like XP8 any more. (Hear hear – programmers of XP8).

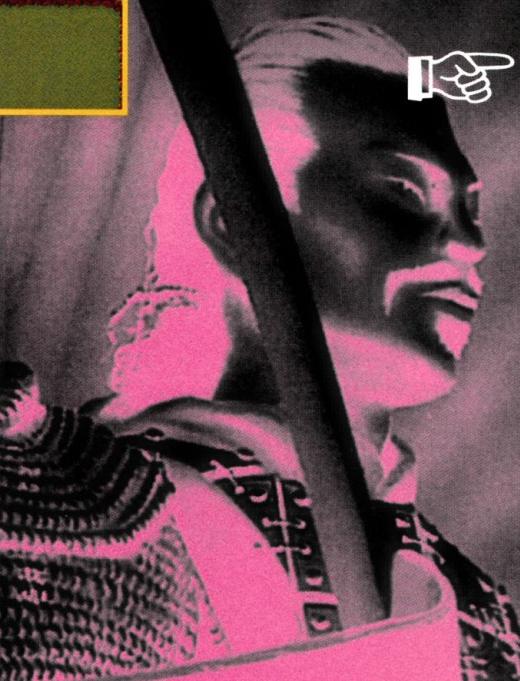
Obviously though I won't because, although it's a million times better than 95%

of the games I've endured over the last six months or so, I'm still pseudo-disappointed because it's not as good as I'd hoped.

Basically, it's as close you're going to get to the legendary Zelda games on the Amiga,

so it's worth buying for that alone, but you can tell that it is only an imitation and not the real thing because the story doesn't grab you in the way the Japanese games have an alarming tendency to do. And I reckon I know why. Given the space limitations of the disk based format the game seems more disjointed because the action takes place across four different lands which are of course, stored on different disks. Unless you install the game on your hard

That bow and arrow will come in handy, what with there being too many fights and all



Legends

drive then a lot of the flow of the game is lost (and indeed if you do) because the story doesn't really evolve so much as you progress on to the next level.

It may be a relatively small point but you don't get as involved with the story as you do in Zelda which means you don't enjoy the game as much which in turn makes it an inferior product. But, nobody ever said it was as good, and after all it is on the Amiga so of course, we have to make allowances.

With this in mind I go back to my original point of it being difficult not to go overboard. The quest is long and complicated, the puzzles are mainly

exploration based but tricky none the less and the combat is standard 'this type of rpg fare' although there is far too much of it for my liking.

The graphics are inoffensive and even quite pleasant and more than serve their purpose. The animation is acceptable and while the scrolling could have been better there's nothing really to complain about. In fact that's true right down the list of aspects of the game. Many of them could have been done so much better but none of them are so bad as to really warrant a concerted moan.

Legends finds its own little niche in the (dwindling) market and caters for a section of players who have been overlooked for so long in the past, namely gamers who like their action mixed in

with a healthy dollop of strategy and some nice graphics to boot. It's amazing really that it's never been done before and a shame that it didn't come out a couple of years ago when the programmer's and publishers efforts would have been appreciated by a much healthier and more sizeable market.

The one thing you can rest assured of is



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The story is ropey to say the least, but at least the game's not been made with the shoot'em-up construction kit!



that if you choose to spend your money on Legends you won't be disappointed, especially if you only ever play games on the Amiga. You're guaranteed to be playing it for many months to come and the quest is so tricky and varied that it's hard to imagine all but the most inattentive player losing interest before they've got a long, long way into it.

Look at the alternatives, you could buy four of the £7 'should be PD' games that are so in vogue at the moment and you still wouldn't get half as much value for money or gameplay time as you would if you bought Legends.

It may be far from perfect but it's the best I've seen for a long time and for once, I can

The inventory can be stuffed to the brim with useful stuff, but just what you keep in your sack is none of our business!

in all honesty recommend that you actually buy a game for your Amiga, rather than avoid it like it carried the plague.



THE LOW-DOWN

PUBLISHER Guildhall

CONTACT Them

HD INSTALLABLE

We don't know because ours is broken. Sorry

PRICE £29.99

GRAPHICS	74%
SOUND	56%
PLAYABILITY	88%
DIFFICULTY	Tricky Monkey

Bit disappointed but still a hundred times better than the vast majority of dirt that passes through our office these days would be a good way of summing up my feelings towards this. It's taken too long to appear, and expectations were possibly too high but it hasn't really changed at all since I saw it a couple of years ago. Even the music's as horrendous as it was back then.

REVIEWED BY STEVE

OVERALL SCORE

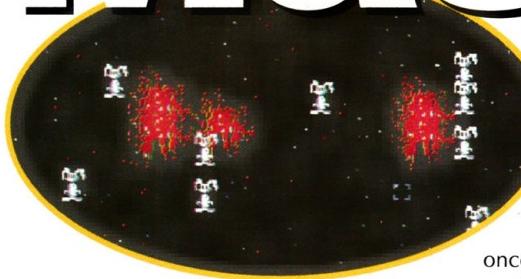
88%

ACTION REVIEW

SHOOT 'EM - UP

What a treat! The full version of a PD game. And I get the chance to review it. I'm so lucky.

Mash V2



Well, it's sort of like Worms I suppose, so that might mean it appeals to some people, and the fact that it only costs £7 will maybe mean that the more affluent among you can afford to take a risk on it, but apart from those two groups, I can't really see anyone else being happy with the expense they've gone to (or at least not bothered about it).

You have 'Spuds' instead of worms and instead of being turn based the game is played out in real time. Might sound like a good idea I know, but it doesn't really work because you quickly get frustrated at trying to move around the screen (with particularly bad mouse control), aim and fire all at the same as trying to keep an eye on what your opponent (be it computer or split screen two player) is up to.

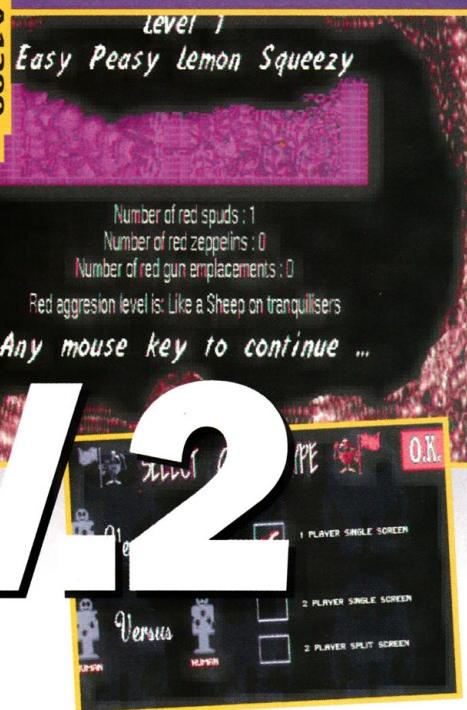
You have various missiles that you can fire,

all of which have a supposedly different use, and the game consists mainly of two 'Spuds' hammering towards each other firing off random missiles. Not much fun, and while I accept there may be a lot more to it once you get past the initial levels I can't see anybody having the patience or interest to progress any further. Mash started in the public domain and as far as I can see that is where it should have stayed well and truly rooted.

The programmer claims two years development time but it really is difficult to see where that time has been invested, and it certainly wasn't wisely! He also states that the game has undergone six different reprogrammings, but is this really anything to boast about? Surely this means that six times he thought 'Hang on, this is appalling, I'd better scrap it and start again'. If this is so much better than his previous efforts then I'm glad I didn't have to sit through those as well.

After every three levels there's a bonus level (Mash Invaders) which can be quite fun, but it's really not enough to save this

from utmost mediocrity. I realise there's not a lot of choice out there these days for Amiga owners but does



this really mean they have to buy this? If so then go for it, but personally I wouldn't waste my time. Buy Legends or Worms instead. If you've already got both of those then be happy with what you've got!

Mash is available by sending a cheque or postal order for £7 to Chris Gregan, Sheaf of Wheat, Dunboyne, Co. Meath, Ireland. You can also get a £1 reduction if you enclose two blank disks.

THE LOW-DOWN

PUBLISHER Chris Gregan

CONTACT See above

HD INSTALLABLE No Need

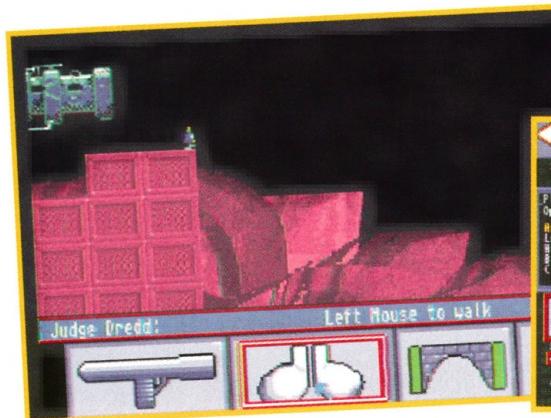
PRICE £7/£6

GRAPHICS	42%
SOUND	10%
PLAYABILITY	23%
DIFFICULTY	Sidey

Pointless is a good word for Mash. I can understand enthusiasts knocking up a quick game in their spare time and selling it on for the price of a disk to other users, but when they start to cash in on the current desperate state of affairs by charging seven times that amount for it, it starts to get a bit silly.

REVIEWED BY STEVE
OVERALL SCORE

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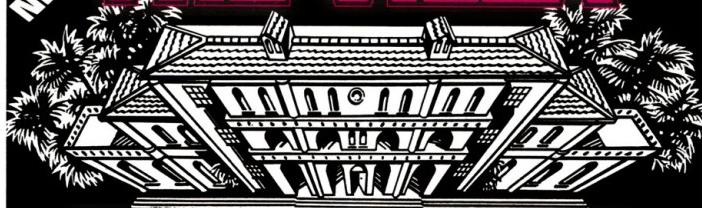
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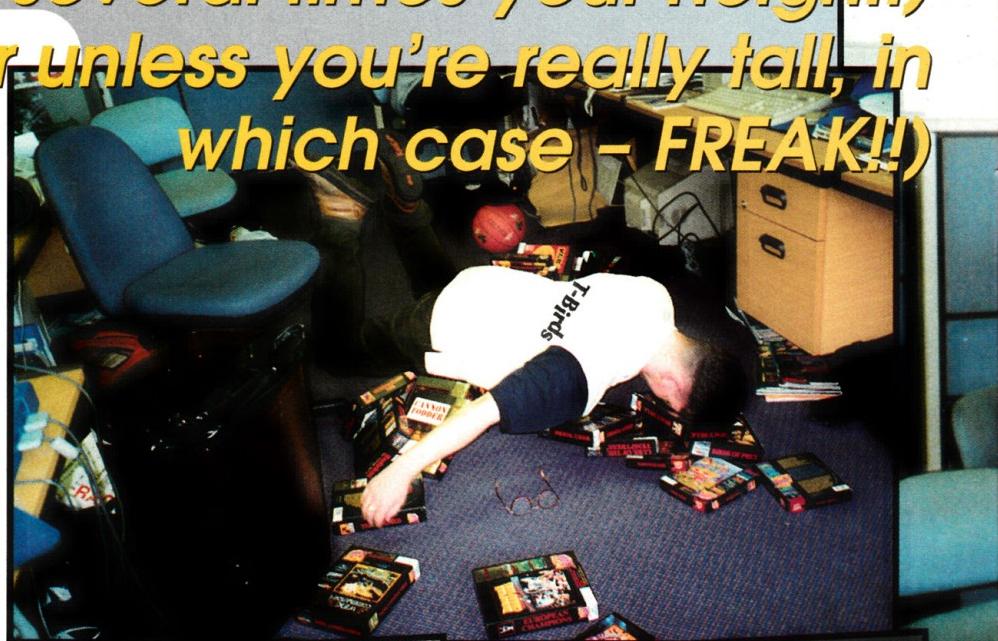
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ROAD RASH: Absolutely ream



Ocean bonanza giveaway festival of treats!

Readers – we've no idea why, but Ocean have decided to give us a load of games in order that we, in turn, can offer them to you as competition prizes. There's loads of them as well – far too many to mention, although we're going to mention them anyway just to fill up space later on. But the important thing is **YOU CAN WIN OVER £500 WORTH OF GAMES!!** Which, surely, can only be a good thing.



PGA TOUR GOLF: A proper treat



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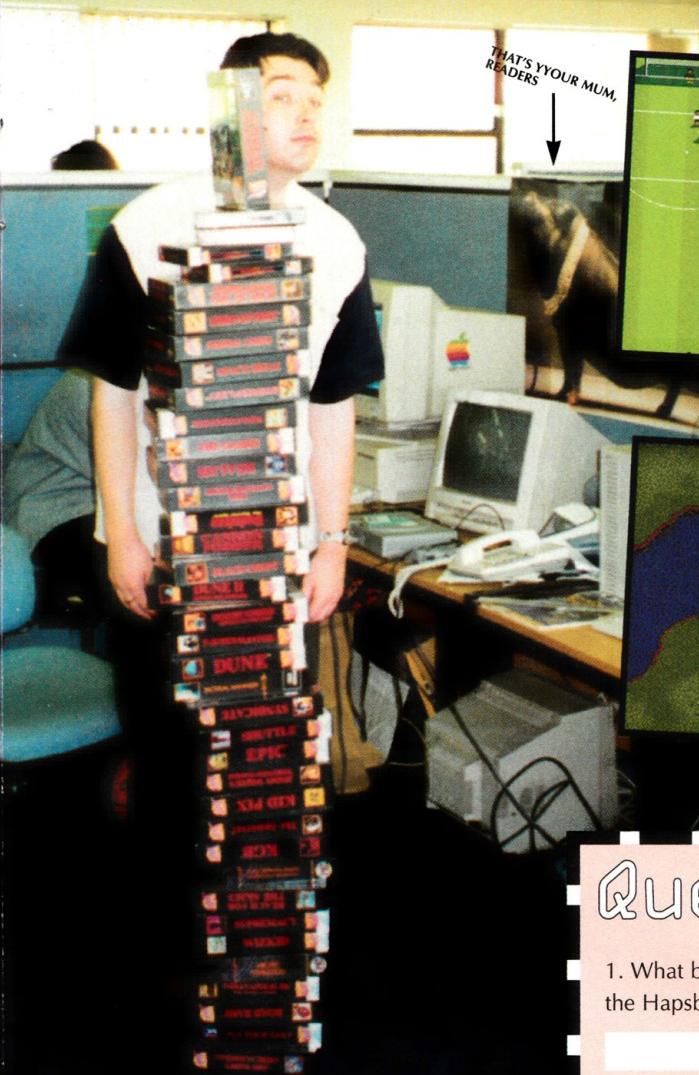
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Questions

1. What brought about the demise of the Hapsburg Empire?

TIE BREAKER (*Will determine winner in the event of no 3/3 scores*)

2. The capital of Burma is, of course, Rangoon – but which political leader sought sanctuary there after an uprising in his own country at the beginning of the century?

3. In which European capital was the world's first congress on radiotherapy held?

A goalkeeper saved a deflection, and gained a ginormous [redacted]
His team mates applauded and bought him a hat
But secretly thought "What a spawny old [redacted]"

Name

Address

Sadness on a scale of 1-10

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Desert Strike
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Dune

There would have been more only some got nicked from the office. Sorry.

ACTION REVIEW

SHOOT 'EM - UP



Sensible World of Soccer 95/96

European Championship Edition

The latest in a very, very long line of sequels and rehashes leaves Paul Roundell struggling for something new to say. Thank heavens, then, for massive game titles

Less people read Amiga Action these days than in the heady times of hectic release schedules and cutting edge software, and the chances are that if you're reading this then you're a dyed-in-the-wool Amiga enthusiast. Or else too poor to afford anything else (No offence, like). You're the kind of person, I'll wager, who remembers games such as Dreadnoughts, Nitro and Damocles with the kind of regard usually reserved for a first born child.

You will have grown up with the Amiga, seen it flourish, impress, go steady and eventually decline, and it is almost beyond doubt that you will own at least one incarnation of the famous and fabled Sensible Soccer. And you'll love it. And you'll still be hard pressed to think of a better video game – not just for the Amiga but for any single games platform of the

present or past. And, if you're anything like me, you'll be looking at this page and wondering just how much tighter Sensible/Renegade/Warner are going to be able to wring their brand before it's finally, totally, absolutely completely dry.

Also, the chances are you're seriously considering buying this product simply because, like any enthusiast, you "want the set".

I'll be honest. I haven't played Sensible World of Soccer 95/96 European Championship Edition. I took the disks out of the box (new labels, very nice . . .), and even got as far as putting them in the drive, and if I'm really honest then I must admit I would have played the game – probably longer than necessary if we hadn't had a problem with the power. But we did, and I decided to review it anyway.

So. If you purchase the game based on the mark it receives here, only to be disappointed and feel that we've cheated you in some way, then by all means take us to task. But you won't. Because if you own a

Sensi version already then you know what to expect, and in the unlikely circumstance

that you don't, then, like (literally) millions before you, you'll be absolutely delighted.

Well that was easy . . .

A fine save from the plucky keeper as etc etc and blah blah blah



THE LOW-DOWN

PUBLISHER Time Warner

CONTACT 0171 blah blah

HD INSTALLABLE Dunno

PRICE about £25

GRAPHICS	80%
SOUND	88%
PLAYABILITY	96%
DIFFICULTY	Tricky

(Insert appropriate superlatives here, and end with comment such as) ... "But they really should leave it now and concentrate on something else".

REVIEWED BY PAUL

OVERALL SCORE

90%



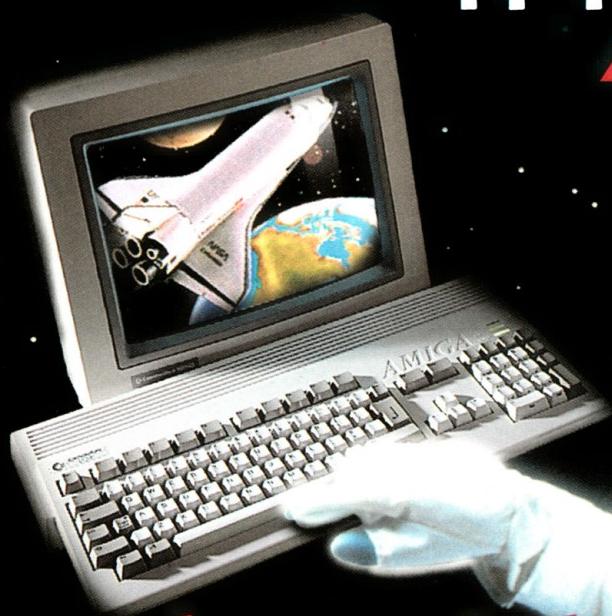
Team selection
remains the same,
but with some
changes

that you don't, then, like (literally) millions before you, you'll be absolutely delighted.

Well that was easy . . .

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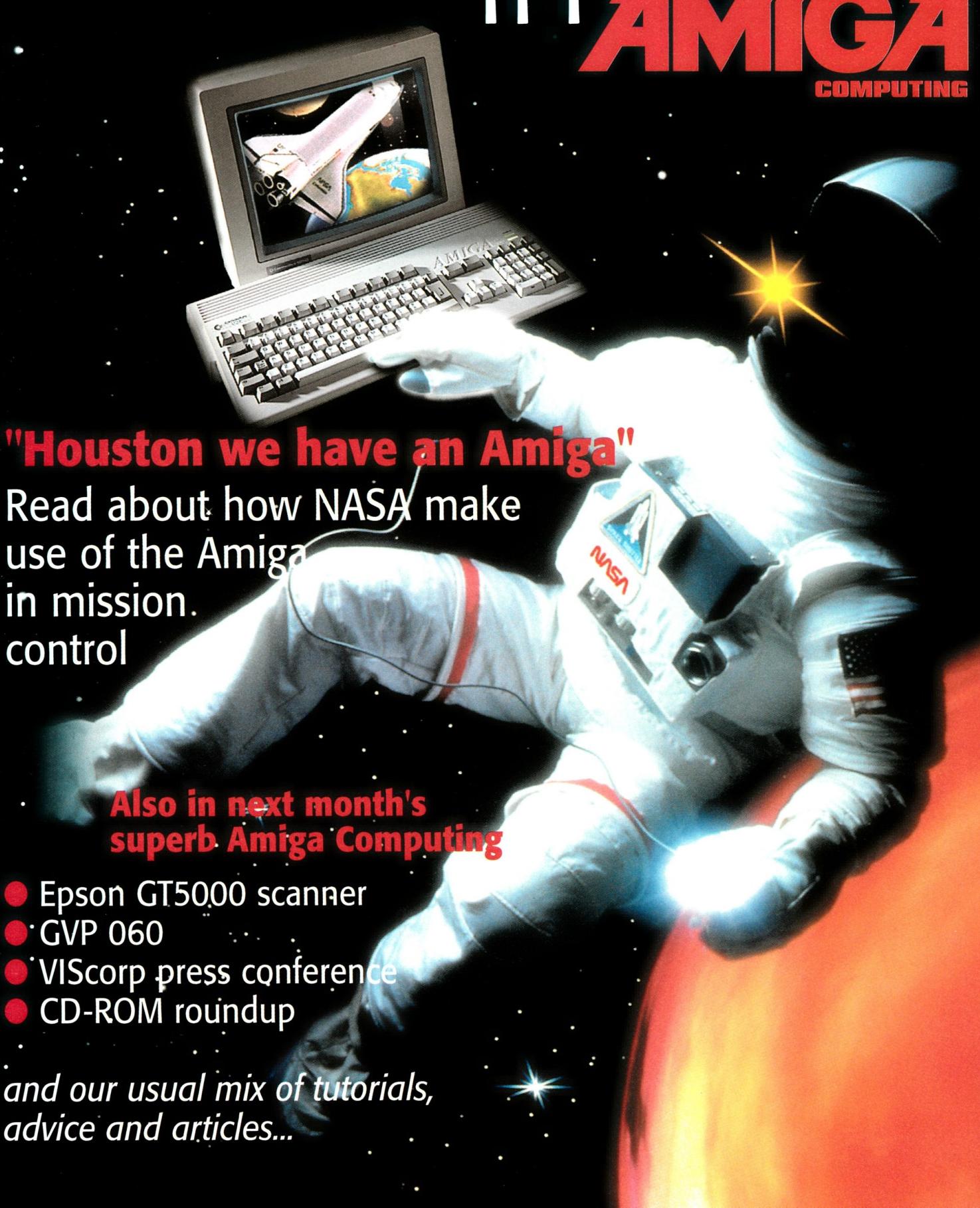
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advice and articles...*



PD is back

It's been away! For ages! But now it's back! And to do with it, Paul Roundell brings you up to date cheap barren nothingsphere "they" call the Pub

ARCADE DARTS

The Arcade Darts introduction consists of the voice of the World's Most Bored Man, announcing, wearily, "Arcade Darts". Not the kind of thing to set your trousers alight exactly, but a brief look at the options brings a little inspiration. There's 501, 301, Shove Ha'penny, Round the Board, Killer and various other

types of game all on offer, and traditionalist that I am, 501 was my first port of call. Fat get Leighton Reece would be my opponent, and would, said the announcer – seemingly on the verge of suicide – throw first. He did – the dartboard looked authentic and everything, though the mouse-controlled hand was more reminiscent of a large piece of ham. Still, control's pretty good and with so many options, PD dart game fans cannot go wrong.

CHICKEN RUN

Katzma Software's first ever game features YOU, as Darryl, proving to your mates that you ain't no chicken. And how do you do it? Why you lurch about on the M11 of course, doing your utmost to avoid becoming jam.

Not perhaps amusing to the parents of children who may have died performing stunts like this, it is nonetheless great fun to

play (and let's face it, anyone stupid enough to try something like this deserves everything they get!). Darryl, dressed sportily in a bright pink top, needs to cross the road a la Frogger between the speeding cars. Once across, a jubilant "Yo!" signifies his exuberance, and he goes for it again. And again and again.

Get hit by a car and young dead Darryl will lie in the road with half of his face missing, and cross successfully often enough to be rewarded with a score bonus and even faster cars. It's the kind of thing which will become boring after about 20 minutes but may prove a treat if your leathered off your face. Which, really, is entertainment enough.

WORLD GOLF

Promising sounds of chirping birds and running water are soon replaced by the game graphics, and frankly they're not exactly "next generation", you know? Or indeed, last

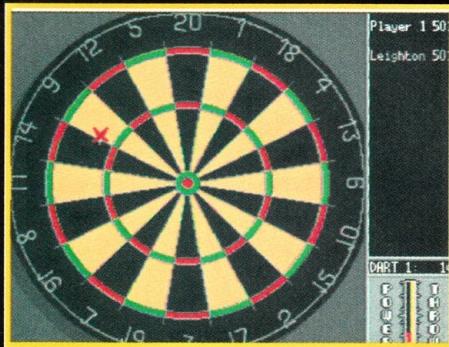
generation. In fact, the only generation they represent is generation X, 'X' is this case signifying an X-rating, and therefore worthy of a ban. But hey! – it's the gameplay that counts.

Oh dear. A power/shot bar exists, and is of use in one sense because you can decide on the strength of shot you wish to play through its utilisation. Except, it doesn't seem to make any difference, and you ball invariably ends up approximately 10 computer yards ahead of the minuscule sprite. It's absolute dross, in other words.

ALIEN BASH 2

A game with such a dodgy and clichéd title needs to be absolutely tremendous if it is to overcome to stigmas placed upon it by its creators, and Alien Bash 2 actually is. Well, maybe "absolutely tremendous" is going too far but this is one of the best quality games you're likely to come across in the public domain. Ooh.

It's like the Chaos Engine, only it doesn't look quite as good. No disgrace there of course, and no real problem that it's a one-player only affair either. Not when for a couple of quid you get a game which looks as nice as this and plays so well. Wander around, shoot aliens, collect stuff and shoot more aliens. Remember Watchtower reviewed in AA a few months ago and released at full price? Well, this is better. By quite a considerable margin.



See, it looks quite nice, that Alien Bash thing, doesn't it? I mean, it's not brilliant, but for two quid ...



And we're absolutely thrilled

since everyone else refuses to have anything
to do with the latest offerings from that great
public Domain



BOING

Boing, eh? Could it be ... could it possibly be, that this game involves jumping in some way or other? Quite clearly, yes – it involves a ‘thing’ which looks like a sorry cross between Mr. Bump and something really crap, hammering around like mad in single screen puzzle levels in an attempt to find the exit and escape. Into the next one. And the one after that.

The tool of the lazy reviewer is the phrase “If you like this kind of thing...”, so, let it be said that if you like this kind of thing then the chances are Boing will not be a disappointment. With a funky tune and crazy psychadelic colours, it’s the kind of game which would keep you entertained for hours. Were it not so horrendously bad.

FEVER

Hmm. Imagine Hired Guns, which in the opinion of this humble reviewer was not much cop. Now imagine something which tried to be like that but was much, much worse. Now, imagine a game which, even in its wildest dreams, is incapable of attaining the dizzy depths of turdity which the worse one attained. Now imagine if it was called Fever.

The control method is one of utmost tedious torture – the kind of thing which was unacceptable a decade ago with clickable arrows which take you a couple of steps in the direction you wish to travel. Soundwise it’s actually not all that bad, but the graphics are abysmal and the gameplay makes a snail seem like a contender for pole position in a Formula One Grand Prix.

It's dirt.



RAH! – I'm a scary monster. Except I'm not. I'm an absolutely hideously pathetic game sprite in a very poor PD effort. People should die over this

BOMB MANIA

“It’s Bomberman, but with Superman, isn’t it?” asked Jay Sharples in a rhetorical fashion as, fresh from the 32bit delights of GamePro magazine, he introduced himself to the Amiga PD scene “But in a maze”, he concluded. I agreed with him. ‘Yes’, I said, and then returned to my computer to write this review without really paying any attention to the game, let alone pick up the joystick and play it.

“You’re supposed to drop bombs”, confided Jay, some 30 seconds later, as he struggled manfully with his task.

Great, I thought – Jay’s going to chunter on continuously about the game and effectively dictate the review to me, and I looked forward to a conservation of effort.

“I’m going to the pub”, said Jay, less than a minute after play of Bomb Mania had begun, and this despite the fact that it wasn’t even lunch time. But then Jay always leaves early, anyway.



CONTACTS

You can get PD from various places.

Here are two of them
Online PD, 1 The Cloisters, Halsall Lane,
Formby, Liverpool L37 3PX
17 Bit Software, 1st Floor offices, 2-8
Market Street Wakefield, West Yorks
WF1 1DH

Write up your alley!



e've had a letter! We have had a letter. Mail has very much been received. Just the one mind, and we're not even going to use it (sorry Robert Tilling), but it has given us a great idea for filling two pages with talk of beer and birds and that lot. So here goes ...

BEER AND THAT

There comes a time in the life cycle of every videogame magazine when it is necessary to take a step back – to miss a beat, if you will, and to ask ourselves about the important things in life. The number one of which is of course beer. And assorted other alcohol. Here, for no apparent reason, and to the ultimate detriment of the magazine, is the definitive AA guide to the best boozy buys.

Jay Sharples

During the fleeting moments of his free time when he isn't off his face on all manner of illegal chemicals, Jay is something of an alcohol connoisseur. Or so he tells us. We prefer to think of him as an obsessive obscurantist who probably hasn't even tasted all of the stuff he mentions, though don't much like to say so because he's all solidly built and stuff and may be apt to give us a crack

Top Three Drinks

Budvar

Hennessey

Goldschlager (*Ridiculous*)

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gold flecked spirit discovered during a drunken binge in one of Los Angeles' lesser known gay clubs. In which he was performing on stage with a goose)

Andy Sharp

A hardened drinker with a nose made of pure reddened cauliflower, Andy is an experimental drinker. His latest experiment involves "Drinking a right lot" and lurching around the pub in an attempt to find a burly skinhead with whom to fight. This has met with a certain degree of success, and mealtimes have become an ordeal for his family, who feed him Cow & Gate baby food through a comedy "spectacles" straw

Top Three Drinks

Canadian Club with lemonade

Rum and Coke

Budweiser

Alex Lee

Notably absent from this chirpy Geordie's list of faves is the famous Newkie Brown. As a Newcastle native and paid up member of the "Toon Army", Alex nevertheless feels that a more exotic blend of alcohol suits his playboy lifestyle. Sadly, since only three choices are permitted, we couldn't allow him to include methylated spirits and fat birds' knocker sweat in his list.

Top Three Drinks

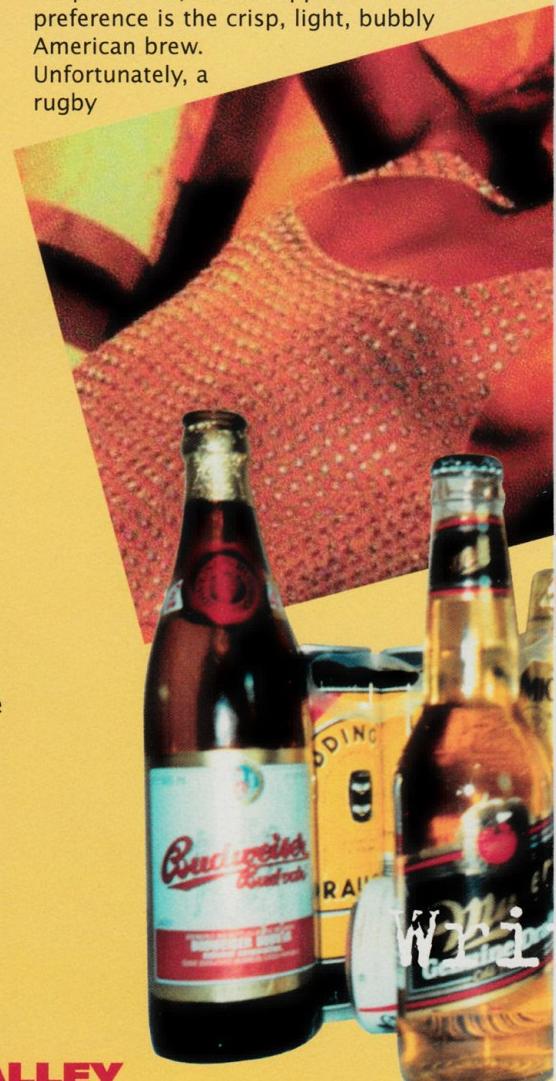
Marguerita

Vodka and Lime

Southern Comfort with Ice (because it makes him feel all cool and stuff, like them lot in that advert at the pictures where it's raining and that)

Steve McNally

This young chap only recently discovered the joys of alcohol, and the last few months have seen him strive wildly to make up for what he now concedes was lost time. A man with simple tastes, Steve's tipple of preference is the crisp, light, bubbly American brew. Unfortunately, a rugby



accident as a teenager left him with no bladder (or manners), and after one or two of these a spate of Southern Comfort drinking (chosen for its likeness to mother's milk, the taste of which Steve still remembers) usually follows. Youngster that he is, Steve invariably stumbles into the lavatory towards the end of the evening where, after keeling helplessly forwards onto his face, he finishes the night's session by carefully cleaning the sticky floor with his ugly bloated tongue

Top Three Drinks

Budweiser
Southern Comfort
Lavatory Scraps

BIRDS

Section 1: Ream Birds Who Your Mum Would Probably Like

Kylie Minogue

Pint-sized Ozzy cutie-temptress. Anyone who hangs around with Jason Donovan has got to be harmless

Annabel Croft

One time tennis star and well-spoken presenter of Channel 4's Treasure Hunt

Emma Forbes

Would get on well with you mum but her reamness

is debatable
Winona Ryder

Could discuss the merits of the Little Women remake, and act all mature, like she does

Those two off Play your Cards Right
Because they're always really friendly with the contestants.

Section 2: Ream Birds Who Your Mum Would Hate

Pamela Anderson

Obviously would not have Tommy Lee in tow, because she'd be "going" with you, but unlikely to express great interest in stew recipes and the price of eggs. Plus she'd always have her chebs flopping about

Naomi Campbell

The kind of person to whose face your mum would be nice, and then later tell your dad that she "Hasn't got much upstairs".

Kim Basinger

Fortysomething peroxidised "bombshell", bound to offend anyone's mum by way of her

predilection for kitting off in a somewhat frontal fashion

Afton Cooper from off of Dallas
[Look Paul, nobody knows who she is, alright?]

FILMS

The merits of film has been a hotbed of debate since the earliest silent movies in the late nineteenth century. With so many genres catering for so many different tastes, it would be a special production indeed which managed to capture the hearts and imaginations of everyone. It's slightly surprising, then, that everyone polled emphatically stated an unwavering preference for the masterpiece featured below Winona on this page. That, and War and Peace

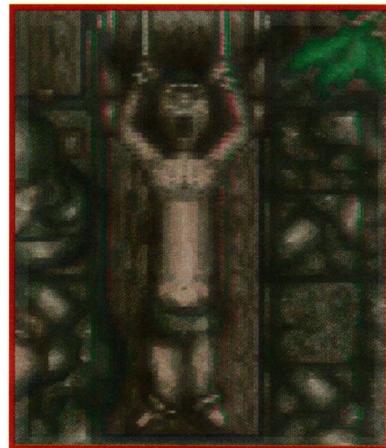


up your alley!

Giving The Game

Valhalla

Neil has been battling his way through this exceptionally tough talking adventure all month. Friends have fallen out with him, his girlfriend has left him, he's pale as a sheet and all he ever says is "OK what next?" So you'd better be



LEVEL 3 The Chapel

First of all turn round and take the cement from the tomb. Now use it on one of the cracks in the floor and you will be able to escape from your watery prison. Then pick up the monocle and the hair grip which have been left conveniently lying around. Now press the button below one of the plants, and an apple will magically appear.

Take the apple to the top of the room and place it on the tree stump (after having removed and read the book which is there). Now pick up the cement and look underneath the drain where you should find some seeds. Pick up the seeds and then go to the bottom of the room. Next to the body in the coffin there is a drain. Open this drain and take the arrow.

Then place the arrow on the crossbow and flick the lever above it. One swift scene from William Tell later and you should find a sweet

amongst the remains of the Granny Smith. Take this sweet and give it to the toffee-loving skull. Now take the Drink of Sight and the Greenfingers Solution.

Now go to the bottom of the room and pick up the silver key. Downing the Drink of Sight at this point will make a door appear which can then be opened with the key. Walk down the new passage and pick up the book with the tree on the cover. This piece of literature comes in very useful as it contains essential information about the bodies you will come across in the crypt.

Go to the left of the new room and pick up the bag of sand.

Then place the seeds in the bowl of soil. Press the tap button next to the soil and a flower should appear in the bowl.

Take this flower to the first room, place it in the vase and take the Ring of Goodwill and the poetry. Return to the second room and place the Ring of Goodwill on the Altar of Dispute. Now take the white dove which you are given to the river keeper to the right of the



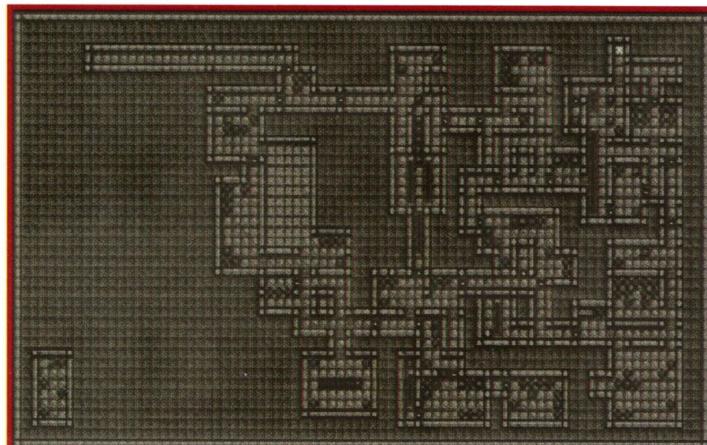
first room. If you stand facing him and look at the dove in your inventory he will let you cross the river.

Cross the water via the bridge, pick up the strange drama and flick the lever. You should now be able to open the door to the left of the first room with the hair grip. The door will close behind you but don't worry about it.

Go to the bottom of the new room but DO NOT walk directly onto the square in front of the golden sweet. If you do, the sweet will disappear and will not come back! Instead, pick up the kettle, look under the drain and read the book which you find there. You should now realise why the sweet keeps disappearing. In order to grab this golden artefact you will need to drop the bag of sand in front of it. The bag will split open and you will be able to soft shoe shuffle your way to the toffee. Pick up the sweet and then go to the upper room where you should find a lever on the wall and a grill. Flick the lever and pick up the match to the left of the chamber. Then drop the kettle underneath the water spout and press the tap. Now put the full kettle on the grill and when it boils the whistling sound should break the glass case covering the key.



e Away



Take the key and then replace the kettle on the grill with the match. Pick the match up again when it has lit. Now open the door which shut behind you with the key and leave the room.

Give the golden sweet to the toffee lover next to the bowl of soil and then pick up the Miracle drink. Now go and place the poetry on the Poet's tomb and drink the Miracle Potion. Look at the poem again and after a brief stint of Wordsworth a pair of slippers will magically appear. Take these slippers to Grandad, place them on his coffin, and the grateful old codger will give you a sweet. Give this sweet to the toffee lover at the top right of this room (the one on the left is a trap), and take the cannon ball which appears. You can leave the stamina bottle where it is unless you really do need it.

Now go to the cannon and place the cannon ball in the front of it. Put the lighted match next to the fuse and the boulder which had previously been blocking the passageway should now be blown away.

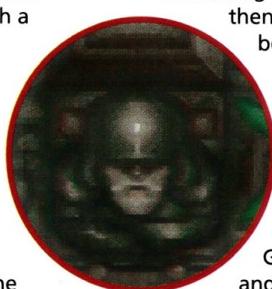
Enter this new passageway and look underneath the first drain that you come across. Take the quill which you find and place it in the ink well. Now take the Globe of Wisdom and the Hercules drink.

Go back down the passageway and take the cross from Uncle George's coffin, replacing it with the monocle. Now place the strange drama on the

coffin and the multilingual George will translate it into an English drama. Pick it up again and then return to Grandad's coffin. Drink the Hercules drink and pick up the piano. Now go and place the piano on the Musician's tomb. Get the prince to face the keyboard section of the piano and instruct him to use it. After a particularly tuneless rendition of

thing or other, a lever will then appear on the wall behind you. Flick the switch and go through the doorway which has now opened at the bottom of the room.

the room. Drink the Greenfingers drink and then take the leaf from the bottom left plant (touching the leaves of the other three plants will cause you to lose stamina). Then place the leaf in the Herbalist's Bowl and take the Healing Potion. Now go to the River Keeper in the room where you found the golden toffee and look at the Globe of Wisdom in your inventory. He will then let you cross the river where you can find Shakespeare's drink. Guide the Prince to Lord Monty's coffin and



give him the English drama. Drink Shakespeare's potion and look at the drama. One brief stab of culture later, Lord Monty's eyes will open. If you look at him now he will tell you that he aches all over. Give him the Healing potion and he will return your favour by giving you an Official Plate. Take the plate and return to the room where you took the herbalist leaf from the plant.

At the top left of this room is a sweet which can't be reached because of a hole in the floor. Use some cement to seal this crack and then take the sweet. Give this toffee to the toffee lover next to Uncle George's coffin, then take the teddy bear and the Choral drink. Now give the teddy to the body next to the herb plants and take the key which you are given in return.

Go back to the room where you found Grandad's coffin and pick up the song which can be found to the left of the chamber. Then place the song on the Singer's tomb and drink the Choral drink. Look at the song and after the Prince has launched into a brief tune, return to the herb plant room. The door at the bottom of this chamber is now open and you should walk through it.

Look under the drain at the bottom of the new room and take the Royal Seal which you discover. Then use the key to open the door which closed behind you. Now return to the room where you found Grandad's coffin and place the Royal Seal on the Royal Note. Take the Wizard's Wand and the Lucky Heather.



Wallace

SON of Boggit

Here we are again, happy as can be, finishing off this crap and then we're free we tell you – free!

The Story So Far

Neil Jackson, one time Amiga Action staff writer and erstwhile Production Editor, left the fold to go and work on "dry" leisure publication PC Home.

Writing the saga on a continuous freelance basis, Neil soon discovered that his story ideas lacked flair, and so began repeating himself on a monthly basis, mistakenly thinking that idiotic and childish words were an acceptable substitute for good prose.

Few people on the AA team read the pages, and consequently the Son of Boggit changed from a promising character-based adventure help section, to a rambling nonsensical jumble of reused letters and tired, formulaic solutions. In time, the money allocated to Neil was cancelled, and Neil contented himself with spending seven hours a day changing the context of printer reviews, and occasionally adding a sentence to the end of a piece on the latest computerised roadmap ...

... Oh, yes ... here I am ... the Son of Boggit, catching thieves and recapturing the Woonsocket Diamonds and what have you. Grundertrolley Dungeon, Big Lil, the Gusset Riders and all that lot. Yes, and now, look – it's Sir Cyrille Grimola, not really doing anything, but just being there, in general. Oh, yes, and I'm on a horse now, being chased, though I don't know why, and here's Hamish "Stumpy"

McGregor and that woman I married once and who never got mentioned again.

Yes, and I've fallen off my horse, and now I'm in this big hole ... yes, and what's that noise I wonder? Coming towards me it is, yes, and now it's getting dark as some figures loom over the hole. Oh no! It is the creatures of legend – those mythical demons rumoured to stalk the netherworld of our dreams. It is they, in the flesh. It is ... it is ... The Hooded Freelance Budget Cutters of Doom. And they have guns. And they've shot me. And now I'm dead. I am not here to serve any more ...

SLAMTILT

Q Dear Son of Boggit, even though you're dead now, I wonder if you could help me out. You see, had I been any good, I would have sent you these codes when the game was released, but unfortunately, what with being a bird and all, I was too busy brushing my hair to bother. So, if you could publish the following information and keep me in a job, I would appreciate it greatly and probably go to bed with you or something.

Thank you,
Helen, 21st Century

A Certainly Helen. Even though I'm dead now, I would be happy to help you out there, though I shan't keep you to your word on the carnal score, since to rodger a

corpse would be a dreadful experience for anyone. And you probably wouldn't enjoy it either.

Whilst in "attract mode" (ie. when the table is scrolling up and down waiting to be played), or on any one of the four tables, type in any of the following codes and then start a new game.

SMILE

Creates a smiley face on the ball that sports a giant cheesy grin when rolling around the top of the table, but which turns into a sulky expression the closer it gets to the bottom of the table.

RADIOACTIVE

This code will change the colour scheme of the table – try it more than once on each table to get different effects.

STONED

A moving magnet underneath the surface of the table is enabled, making for some very peculiar ball movements (Like when that John Wayne





NEIL – THE REAL SON OF BOGGIT

Bobbit bloke jumps someone's bones, eh? Eh?
WIPEOUT

A treat way for the losers to make themselves look not quite as bad as they obviously are, because once entered, this code resets the high scores.

ARCADE ACTION

If it's the video gaming action in the digital display panel you're addicted to (it says here), then bypass the normal table game and head straight into the frenzied arcade sections.

DATING GAME

Q Hello, Son of Boggit. I wonder if you could please give me a little advice on something with which I have been struggling for some time. I have been attempting to address my dilemma for several months, but always get dreadfully stuck at the same point every time.

It's birds, you see. I fancy them and all, and go out "birding" with my mates, and usually do okay for a couple of hours until the "slow dance" comes on.

It is at this point that my dilemma takes shape, as due to my utmost excitement I am unable to get close enough to my female companion to dance with her. I've tried everything: thinking of nuns, looking at the ceiling, even attempting to "lean over" the offending part of my body, but all to no avail, and the night invariably ends up with me being thrown onto the pavement by a couple of burly bouncers, only to be faced with an harassment charge the following day.

What can I do? Are there any ointments I could use?

Barry Boner, Nob Hill

A I'm certain there must be Barry, but in the meantime why don't I offer you a

taken piece of information about Monkey Island, like I always tend to do. There is a piece of parchment behind a crumpled brick in the cottage. There, how's that?

VIROCOP

Q Something that has been bothering me for quite some time now is the lack of availability of codes for Virocop. I'm just an average reader with no knowledge of what codes you may have lying around, but



VIROCOP: Except it's not

would very much appreciate it if you could do something for me along these lines.
Average Reader, Not Macclesfield, no.

A I'd be happy to oblige, and as wild and extremely unlikely coincidence would have it I just happen to have them here, already typed in.

VICTHDG

LBMGFP

LBSGNTD

JVHTCRT



CAPTION PLEASE: No chance

CAPTAIN BLOOD

Q Dear Son of Boggit, is there any chance that you could waffle on for a bit about the ancient and obscure game Captain Blood, which none of your readers probably own, and about which, perhaps, you have just stumbled across some information. Thank you in advance.

Mary Threebaps, Scotland

A Mary my dear, being dead is a very tiring business, but since you're obviously a damsel in distress etc etc I will make a monumental last effort and end my days on an all time pointless low, so here goes. When you encounter a friendly alien, ask it the following question using the alien icons: code GGI. The alien will give you the coordinates of another alien – GG – and once you're at the specified planet, you can get the co-ordinates of all other aliens from GG.

With my adventuring work over for ever, and what with being dead and all, my quest has come to an end. None of the storylines started so many months ago have been concluded satisfactorily, but not to worry – at least you won't have to trawl through this dirt every month from now on. Thank you for sharing in my Boggit world readers, even though up until this month I was just a half-baked figment of Neil's imagination, and ever mind that I never really helped anyone with their gaming queries. Until forever, goodbye!

Send your queries to:
Someone who gives a damn

Swap Shop

When selling stuff through Swap Shop (and it doesn't have to be games – washing machines, cars, stolen cigarettes... anything goes) you can of course ask for whatever cash you like. Your chances of a response are better, however, if you keep your expectations realistic. This is the Amiga Action rough pricing guide, using 'example bundles' and assuming that everything is in good condition and machines come with a mouse/joystick.

Buyers – if the prices of the ads tally with these examples then you aren't getting ripped off. Probably.

A500 1 meg – £80

CD32 – £80

A500+/600 – £100

A1200 – £150

CD32 with 25 games – £180

A600, external drive with 50 games – £200

A1200, 40mb hard drive, external drive & 50 games – £300

5,000 Benson & Hedges low tar Superkings in slightly damaged boxes with no questions asked – £250

Amiga 1200 80mb hard drive, second drive, speakers, 16 games including Worms, USM, BS5 [Er, yeah – it's a good one that]. All boxed, £300. Dave Hopeful, 01772 451455.

Contacts wanted for 500+ and 1200 Amiga. David Csoma, 90 Hollowfield Coulby, Newham, Middlesbrough, Brazil, TS8 0RS.

Amiga 600 2mb upgrade, manual, mouse, joystick, coloured monitor, lots of games – £170. Also boxed games; Dreamweb, Theme Park, Syndicate, Monkey Island II, £10-15 each. James on 01895 230192.

Premier Manager 1 & 3, Man Utd Premier Champs [They are indeed, they won the cup too incidentally... beat Liverpool and everything], USA '94, OTB World Cup Edition, Club Football: The Manager, Robocop 3 – £10 each. Astra Pack collection £20. Frontier £20. All boxed originals [Well then there you go, they're worth the ludicrous asking prices]. Various others from £5. Offers negotiable. Ring James on 01604 716205.

Pen friends wanted (girls or blokes) to talk rubbish to and swap games. [Ooh – you're selling yourself there. Me! Me! Write to me!] Alastair Matchett, 10 Thirlmere Close, Stubbington, Fareham, Hants PO14 2DT. (Age 16)

170mb hard drive (internal) for Amiga 1200 – one year old, excellent condition, £100 only. Phone Aaron on 01782 411179 after 5pm during the week.

Amiga 1200 plus 100 mb hard drive plus external drive plus games VGC £300. Ask for Paul after 6pm [and tell him to sort his grammar out. Oh hang on – no, don't. He's 32, so he might come round and hammer us] 01743 354395.

Wanted: Theme Park. Will swap

for Alien breed 3D. Cheats for Breathless would also be appreciated. A. McHatton, 250 Mutton Lane, Potters Bar, Herts, EN6 2AU. 01707 644366.

Amiga 500 1mb, joystick, mouse, games, mouse pad, dust cover, all manuals and leads [That's nice, the leads in particular will be handy]. All boxed for £95 [Now there's a bargain, not like that other bloke up there who wanted 300 quid]. Alexi Tzitzas on 0161 304 9471. [Nice name] Win an Amiga 1200! Every month the 200th person to buy 20 PD disks from me will receive a brand spanking new Amiga Tech A1200 or £500 in cash. Send now for a catalogue disk to [Oooh – it must be so annoying to see your ad in with the address missing. Even if you

aren't lying (and you probably are) you must be operating a pretty successful commercial operation, so sorry Mark Williams, you'll have to pay like everyone else. Of course, we'll accept bribes...]

For sale: 680030 50 mhz accelerator – £80. Amazon Queen £10 [Would that be an African homosexual or the Time Warner computer game...?], Cannon Fodder £8, Syndicate £5, Lemmings 2 £6 plus others. Call Jonathan Pollard on 01274 403878 or write to 12 Nab Wood Terrace, Shipley, West Yorks BD18 4HU.

Amiga pen friends wanted who are interested in copying games. Contact Ian on [Now Ian, you're 22 years old, so we can only assume that you're the thickest person in Lancaster. Are you? Are you the dregs? Write in and tell us and we'll send you a prize.]

Any Amiga users in Plymouth? 27 year old A1200 seeks local users (preferably 18+) for the usual Amiga related things and nights out on the town. Mark, Eastview, Fernleigh Road, Mannamead, Plymouth, Devon PL3 5AN.

Amiga games for sale from 50p [From obvious pirate called Shane Hassam in Stepney]

Sega Mega Drive arcade power stick for sale. Works with Amiga – has Mega-fire – for £20. Will swap for good sport game or Sim City 2000 for A600 [Good



thing it wasn't just released for a 4meg A1200 then, isn't it?] Paul Fountain, 16 Thomas Street, New Skelton, Saltburn by Sea, Cleveland TS12 2AE.

Monitor wanted for Amiga 500. Either Philips 8833 mkII or Amiga 1084S with Amiga leads. Cash waiting. "Mr Green" – 01405 862430.

Pen friends wanted – male or female, 100% reply. DTP interest a bonus. Ann Goonan, 64 Coal Pit Lane, Stocksbridge, Sheffield S30 4AW. (Age 21+) [So she's probably about 50. Nothing wrong with that like – she could probably teach you a thing or two]

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PRIMED AND READY

Primal Rage, the prehistoric coin-op so popular in the arcades around 1993 is – oh yes yes yes – finally set to get an Amiga release. Having been optioned by Time Warner around the time God was making the transition from short to long pants, the game is, at the time of going to press, having the finishing touches applied in readiness for a release in late June. Or in other words, before the next issue of Amiga Action is in the shops.

We didn't much like to ring Time Warner for further information, because a review of the game has already appeared in a certain unscrupulous Amiga publication famed for reviewing unfinished games and therefore not providing its readers with the kind of service they demand, and we suspected that "something dodgy" was probably going on, so will be waiting for a copy to turn up. So, with "real" information off limits, we solicited opinions of semi-famous stars of past and present in an attempt to fill space madly under the guise of doing our



job. First up was George Formby. "Turned out nice again antit?", asked the late early century slapstick comedian, in a rhetorical fashion. We replied in the affirmative, and suggested that he might perhaps like to say a few words about the Jurassic jousting. "I was a right b@stard in real life you know", continued George. "Allegedly", he added. We nodded, and moved onto celebrity no mark Lorraine Chase, who was verbose as always. "Luton airport", she offered. "Lu-on bleedin' ayphot, gav'nah ... apples and pairs and nah mistayeeek." We thanked Lorraine and, shortly after splitting her skull wide open by way of a merciless beating with a length of wet, knotted rope, sought the attention of Bill Shankly's wife.



PREVIEW

Doreen, or someone.

"You'll never walk alone" she confided from her penthouse apartment atop Anfield's famous Kop. "Walk on", she continued, "With hope. In your heart. And you'll ne. Ver walk. Alone". We thanked Betty/Gladys, and, after a brief argument regarding her late husband's unhealthy obsession with what when all's said and done is nothing more than a form of public

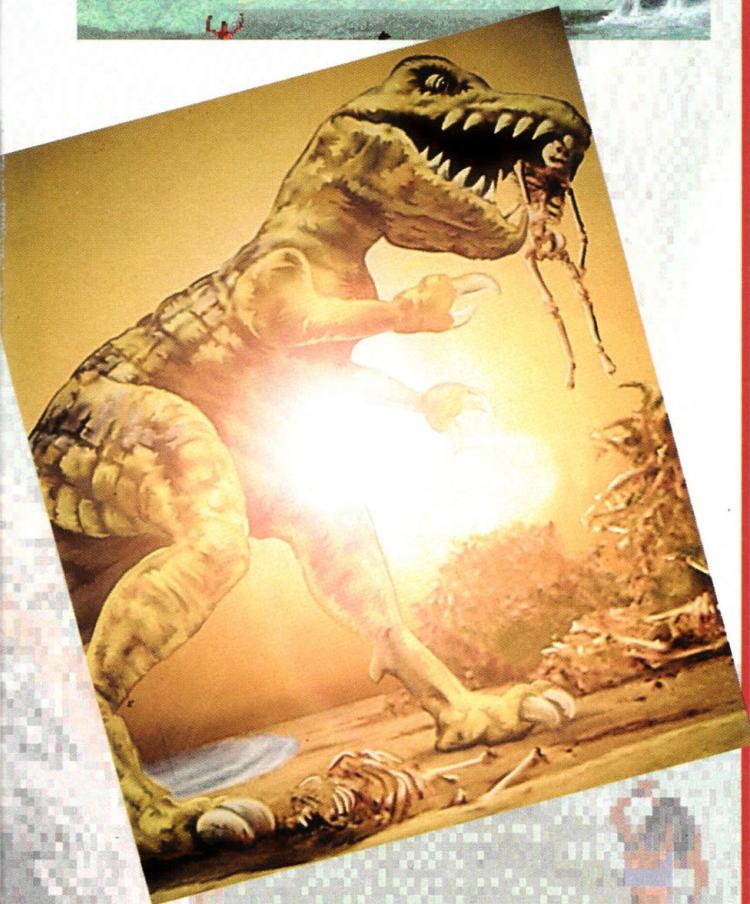
entertainment, crossed Stanley Park to the home of chirpy Liverpudlian Jim Davidson. "What about Primal Rage on the Amiga from Time Warner then Jim?", we asked by way of breaking the ice "Chalky!", retorted the jovial Scotsman. "Ello Chalky. Chalky White! Nick nick", he added before, ironically, leaving to film his sports/quiz/light entertainment show, *Give us a Clue*, with Una Stubbs, which as the title suggests, is about snooker, which uses chalk.

Enlightenment was forthcoming courtesy of Anna Walker from off of Sky Sports and that travel show with the woman who reminds you of Gloria Hunniford. "Yes", she replied (before we'd even had a chance to ask a question, as it turned out), and with that, flashed her dazzling smile at an imaginary camera before wandering off to China for free, or somewhere.

It's out in June.



- FREE PLAY -



SKIPPY AND THE EGGS

Remember last month when we had that coverdisk thing, Skippy and The Eggs, or something, and we said that not only did we not know the game's proper name, but nor did we know anything about the person who programmed it except that he was called Eddie and came from Blackpool? Well we've got our act together now – of a fashion – and can give you all the information you need if, say, you want to buy the full

version or something. Unless that was the full version, in which case this information is entirely superfluous. But anyway ...

The game was called Mr. Sticky and the Pests, and was programmed by Vision Soft who can be contacted at 51b Station Road, South Shore, Blackpool FY4 1EG. And now we're all happy, yeah? Treat.

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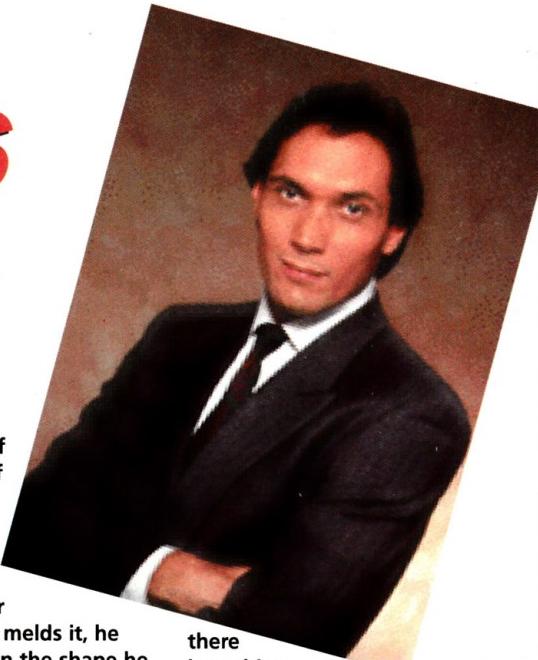
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meldage, and if the clay isn't of a sufficiently high quality, then no matter how

much a director metaphorically melds it, he will never attain the shape he is looking for. That's where an actor's talent comes in: if you have the inner strength to attain the shape with which you have been faced, then I really believe that

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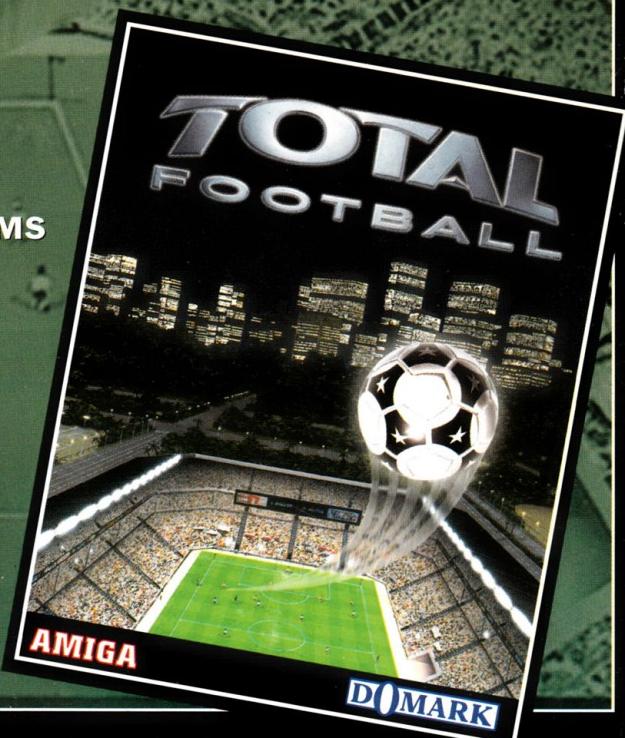
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